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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford Edward Pangelinan, Chairman of Northern Marianas Political Status Commission Senator P. A. Tenorio, Northern Marianas James M. Wilson, Jr., Deputy Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, March 19, 1975 4:15 p.m. PLACE:

The Oval Office

Pangelinan: We are very pleased to have the opportunity to exercise our rights under the UN Trusteeship Council and have a plebiscite.

President: We are pleased at this development and we trust that the plebiscite will be favorable. Where are you two from?

Tenorio: We both are from Saipan.

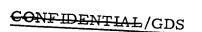
President: What are the Islands in the Northern Marianas?

Tenorio: Saipan forms Tinian and Rota.

President: What is the population?

Tenorio: About 14,000. Most of the people live on Saipan.

Wilson: They live in a very beautiful place. I was in Tinian and saw the plaques during World War II.





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Pangelinan: Those of us are very pleased you have given us your attention, and of all the countries of the world we want to join with you. We are very proud to be part of your political system.

President: We are very pleased. Do you expect any trouble with the

Tenorio: There are some dissident groups but we think it will be okay.

Wilson: But you will have to work at it because the other Marianas will

Tenorio: Yes. But we know what we want and we must make sure only

Pangelinan: You should know the Senator is from one party and I from

President: Have you been in the United States?

Pangelinan: I went to George Washington University.

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